

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A receiving apparatus comprising:
  - reception means for receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;
  - 5 a memory which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the received data on a stream broadcast;
  - data processing means for processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to
  - 10 generate video data for the stream broadcast;
  - video output means for outputting the video data to a display apparatus;
  - detection means for detecting interruption point data indicating a position where the stream
  - 15 broadcast should be interrupted out of the received data on a stream broadcast; and
  - control means for, when a state at which the stream broadcast should be interrupted is detected, controlling the data processing means and the video
  - 20 output means to stop the output of the video data at a position instructed in the interruption point data detected by the detection means.
2. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,
- 25 wherein the control means monitors abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory and a communication rate of the data on a

stream broadcast by the reception means.

3. A receiving apparatus according to claim 2,  
wherein the control means further controls the  
5 data processing means and the video output means to  
restart the output of the video data from the  
position instructed in the interruption point data in  
response to an amount of data of the data on a stream  
broadcast stored on the memory having reached a  
10 predetermined amount after stopping the output of the  
video data.

4. A receiving apparatus according to claim 3,  
wherein the control means further detects an  
15 estimated time when the output of the video data can  
be restarted based upon the amount of data, which is  
stored on the memory while the output of the video  
data is stopped, and the communication rate, and then  
controls the video output means to display  
20 information of the estimated time.

5. A receiving apparatus according to claim 3,  
wherein the detection means further detects  
restart point data indicating a restart point after  
25 stopping the video output out of the data on a stream  
broadcast, and controls the data processing means and  
the video output means to restart the output of the

video data from a position instructed in the detected restart point data.

6. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,  
5 wherein the control means further controls the video output means to output predetermined video data instead of video data according to the data on a stream broadcast after stopping the output of the video data.

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7. A receiving apparatus according to claim 6,  
wherein, in the case in which an amount of data of the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory has reached a predetermined amount after  
15 stopping the output of the video data, the control means further controls the data processing means and the video output means to restart the output of the video data from a position instructed in the interruption point data after the predetermined video  
20 data ends.

8. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the detection means further detects location information of a second distribution server,  
25 which is capable of distributing data on a stream broadcast at or after the interruption point, out of the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means

controls the reception means to make connection to the second distribution server when abnormality of communication is detected.

5           9. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,  
            wherein the detection means further detects two  
            kinds of levels of the interruption point data out of  
            the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means  
            selects the two kinds of levels of the interruption  
10     point data according to a type of a communication  
            rate of the connected network.

            10. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1,  
            wherein the interruption point data is data  
15     which designates a position where the stream  
            broadcast should be interrupted after a CM ends and  
            before a program following the CM starts, which are  
            included in the data on a stream broadcast.

20           11. A receiving method, comprising the steps  
            of:  
            receiving data on a stream broadcast via a  
            network;  
            storing the received data on a stream broadcast  
25     on a memory;  
            processing the data on a stream broadcast  
            stored on the memory to generate video data for the

stream broadcast;

outputting the video data for display;

detecting interruption point data indicating a  
position where the stream broadcast should be

5 interrupted out of the received data on a stream  
broadcast; and

stopping the output of the video data at a  
position instructed in the detected interruption  
point data when a state at which the stream broadcast  
10 should be interrupted is detected.

12. A receiving apparatus comprising:

receiver for receiving data on a stream  
broadcast via a network;

15 a memory which is capable of storing a  
predetermined amount of the received data on a stream  
broadcast;

data processor for processing the data on a  
stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate

20 video data for the stream broadcast;

video output for outputting the video data to a  
display apparatus;

detector for detecting interruption point data  
indicating a position where the stream broadcast

25 should be interrupted out of the received data on a  
stream broadcast; and

controller for, when a state at which the

stream broadcast should be interrupted is detected,  
controlling the data processor and the video output  
to stop the output of the video data at a position  
instructed in the interruption point data detected by  
5 the detector.